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SUBJECT: MAY 7 DECLARATION BY SIGNATORIES OF CHARTER

REFS: (A) SEOUL 2357 (DTG 240804Z MAR 77), (B) SEOUL 3035
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1. ON MAY 7, A DECLARATION WAS ISSUED IN NAME OF THE
"SIGNATORIES OF THE CHARTER FOR DEMOCRACY AND NATIONAL
SALVATION, AS A GROUP", WITH THE HUMAN RIGHTS COMMITTEE
(HRC), NATIONAL COUNCIL OF CHURCHES IN KOREA (KNCC)
SERVING AS THE POINT OF DISTRIBUTION. DECLARATION
REASSERTS IN STRONG TERMS BASIC POINTS OF MARCH 22 CHARTER
(REFTEL A), REFERRING TO THE "OPPRESSION OF THE PRESENT
REGIME," AND ADVOCATING THE "COMPLETE RECOVERY OF HUMAN
RIGHTS FOR ALL POLITICAL PRISONERS AND THE ABOLISHING
OF THE UNDEMOCRATIC SYSTEM AND LAWS." LAST SENTENCE
MAY BE PARAPHRASED "IF THE PRESENT GOVERNMENT DECIDES
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FOR SUCH DEMOCRACY AND NATIONAL SALVATION, WE WILL NOT
BE MISERLY IN CONSULTATIONS AND EFFORTS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION
OF A NEW NATION, AND WILL TAKE THE LEAD IN RESOLVING THE
(PRESENT) DIFFICULT SITUATION PEACEFULLY."

2. THIS DECLARATION WAS REFERRED TO IN AP WIRE ITEM IN
MARCH 9 STARS AND STRIPES NEWSPAPER. THAT SHORT ITEM

LEAVES IMPRESSION THAT DECLARATION IS CONCILIATORY GESTURE
ON PART OF DISSIDENTS, AN IMPRESSION STRONGLY CONTRADICTED
BY READING THE FULL TEXT. FURTHERMORE, A KNCC SOURCE
CONFIRMED THAT PURPOSE OF DECLARATION WAS TO RE-EMPHASIZE
POSITION ORIGINALLY ANNOUNCED IN CHARTER. IT IS NOT CLEAR
WHETHER TERM "SIGNATORIES" REFERS ONLY TO ORIGINAL TEN
SIGNERS, OR TO THOSE WHO HAVE SINCE SIGNED (SAID TO NUMBER
SEVERAL HUNDRED -- REFTEL B), BUT LOGISTICAL CONSIDERATIONS
WOULD SUGGEST THE FOREMER, AT MOST.
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